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SUBJECT: CANAL TREATY: NEWS ARTICLE ON LANDS AND WATERS

1. "ESTRELLA" OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, CARRIES A PAGE-AND-A-HALF-LONG ARTICLE GIVING THE HISTORY AND SOME DETAILS OF THE SETTLEMENT ON LANDS AND WATERS IN THE CANAL TREATY UNDER PREPARATION. THE ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY OMAR JAEN OF THE PANA-MANIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM, CARRIES THREE MAPS PURPORTING TO SHOW THE U.S. AND PANAMANIAN POSITIONS IN 1975 AND THE FINAL AGREEMENT. THEY ARE SUFFICIENTLY SMALL AND BLURRED AS TO BE OF ONLY GENERAL HELP IN FIGURING OUT WHAT IS WHAT. A MEMBER OF OUR NEGOTIATING TEAM DESCRIBES THE ARTICLE AS A REASONABLY FAIR REPRESENTATION OF THE FACTS, THOUGH IT IS NOT WITHOUT ITS SUBJECTIVE JUDGEMENTS WITH WHICH WE MIGHT NOT CONCUR. THE ARTICLE CLOSES WITH A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE DISPOSTION OF LANDS AND WATERS UNDER THE TREATY. (E.G., PANAMA WILL RECIEVE PART OF CURUNDU HEIGHTS", AND SO FORTH.)

2. THIS ARTICLE IS CAUSING SOME HEARTBURN IN THE PANCANAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WHICH HAS BEEN CONSTRAINED FROM GIVING DETAILS, BUT FINDS THE PANAMANIANS SPREADING THEM OVER THE NEWSPAPERS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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